Dear Friends,

I began my tenure as CEO of the Federation this spring, after some 20 years as a volunteer leader and most of my life as an active member of our Bay Area Jewish community. I am honored to lead a 105-year-old organization into its next century of profound impact in supporting and building Jewish life.

Our tradition teaches us that we are all responsible for each other. And that is the purpose of the Federation: to build and sustain a vibrant, caring, and enduring Jewish community that is a force for good locally, in Israel, and around the world. We can only accomplish this in partnership with donors, philanthropists, and organizations engaging on the front lines to provide effective programs and services locally and globally.

My vision for the future is to significantly increase meaningful engagement in Jewish life over the next decade. Together, we will inspire kids, teens, individuals, and families to deepen their involvement, and we’ll make sure that the Jewish community is a welcoming home for all Jews—of all ages, backgrounds, and interests. I take very seriously my duty to protect and build the community that the next generation will inherit.

The goal of the Centennial Campaign is to raise $250,000,000 in legacy commitments and realized gifts in the next 10 years, which will serve as the underpinning of support that the community can rely on now and in the future, helping us survive and flourish for the next century and beyond. We are grateful that we are on the path to achieving this goal.

I’m thankful to so many leaders of our community, including Dan Safier, chair of the Federation’s Endowment Committee, and his family—Jackie, Josh and Lauren, pictured above—who exemplify the multi-generational aspect of Jewish philanthropy. Following in the footsteps of prior generations, the Safiers believe that it is their honor and responsibility to invest in the Federation’s future with a Centennial legacy gift.

Thank you to each of you who have stepped forward with early Centennial Campaign gifts, and to the Living Legacy Society members who have reaffirmed their legacy intentions. If you have not yet had the opportunity, I invite you to join us in celebrating a century of tzedakah by planning for the well-being of future generations and formally confirming your Centennial legacy gift.

Above all, thank you for your enduring commitment to the Jewish future.

Danny Grossman
Chief Executive Officer

“The Centennial Campaign reflects our trust in the next generation, just as prior generations have entrusted us. L’der v’dor.”

– JACKIE AND DAN SAFIER
Chairman’s Column

In 2010, the Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund marked its 100th anniversary and celebrated a century of significant, life-changing accomplishments. Since that time, I have had the privilege to serve as chair of the Federation’s Centennial Campaign, an initiative that is among the most important that we have ever undertaken, seeking to help secure the future of our Jewish community, as my grandparents did for my generation.

I am pleased to report that the initial phase of the Campaign has been extremely well-received, with $110,000,000 secured in legacy commitments and realized gifts toward a goal of $250,000,000. I am immensely touched by the generosity I’ve witnessed, as more and more Federation supporters confirm their legacy gift intentions.

The opportunities to participate in the Centennial Campaign and the spectrum of legacy gifts committed to date are wide. Some donors have chosen to establish special purpose endowed funds, aligning their values and interests with community needs—such as offering training and education for young leaders; caring for the needs of the elderly; or, providing need-based scholarships to Jewish preschools, day schools, camps and teen Israel experiences. Many donors have chosen to sustain their annual gift through a Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment Fund or Lion of Judah Endowment. Their names will be part of the list of annual donors who provide critical support for the current needs of the community at home and abroad each year. Others have chosen to support the Federation’s unrestricted endowment fund—providing a stable resource to help respond to emergencies and fund innovation in an ever-changing world.

The stories within the pages of this newsletter focus on a small sample of diverse community members who have made commitments and led the way.

If you have already included the Federation in your financial planning and signed a commitment letter, you will be counted as a Centennial Campaign donor. Donors will be invited to attend a special event, have their names displayed on a new Centennial Wall of Honor, and receive additional recognition of their generous gift.

From generation to generation, the Federation has been there to help solve the needs of the Jewish community in the Bay Area and we hope to continue to do so for many years to come.

Jim Koshland
Chair, Centennial Campaign

The Book of Life is the Federation’s unique treasury of messages from generous donors who have chosen to invest in the community’s future by making a legacy gift.

All Centennial donors are invited to compose and sign a personal message, recording their values and motivations for future generations.

Marilyn McClaskey z”l signs the Book of Life
Jewish tradition has long held that there are two primary components of health: the body and the spirit. And it is our duty to pay attention to both.

But John and Jill Freidenrich have gone beyond just “paying attention.” They have given years of their lives and donated generously toward improving the health and well-being of our community. And they have done so through visionary philanthropic work at Stanford University, their alma mater, where they created the Jill and John Freidenrich Center for Translational Research, and in their dedicated commitment to the Jewish community. John has served as a founding board member of the Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life, supporting several areas within the campus, including the early childhood education center, the auditorium, the health and fitness center, and the adult lounge. He has also served on the board of the Federation, where he ably acted as chair of the Annual Campaign, chair of the Financial Resource Development Committee, and as a development chair of the Endowment Committee.

“John has always stepped up, under many different circumstances, as a leader and a giver in the Jewish community as well as the general community,” said Phyllis Cook, former executive director of the Federation’s Endowment Fund.

As impressive as John’s philanthropic accomplishments have been, Jill’s example of leadership and selfless giving is equally inspiring. As a cancer survivor, some of that inspiration is rooted in her own health journey. She is the co-founder of Bay Area Cancer Connections as well as the Breast Health Center at Stanford. John and Jill have expressed their commitment to the Jewish community’s own long-term health through a significant Centennial gift to the Federation’s unrestricted endowment and by creating a Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment, endowing their annual campaign gift. John noted: “By endowing a gift, it helps to ensure the continuity of services the Federation provides today, and it is a way of helping to plan for the community’s future needs.”

Explaining the source of their generosity and what motivates them, Jill attested to “the luxury of being able to do something, to make a difference. This is one of life’s richest treasures. This is the true concept behind our philanthropy.”

“Find something you’re passionate about and give as much as you can to that, and you will feel a richness beyond all riches.”
Visionaries
$10,000,000 & above
Barbara and Gerson Bakar
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Centennial Living Legacy Society
Up to $249,999, permanent funds or reaffirmed commitments at all levels
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Hilde and Alfred Amrank z”l
Robert Charles Armstrong z”l
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Marie Aslan z”l
Yetta and Morris Bach z”l
Ralph and Estelle Bardoff z”l
The Barlow family
Keith P. Bartel z”l
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Sylvia and Captain Welter Goldenrath z”l
Adeon Golub
Rabbi Marvin Goodman and
Deborah Kelman
Doris Livingston Grasshoff z”l

Growing up, we deposited at least one penny each week in two ‘pushkes.’ Our commitment to charity and volunteerism continued through our lives.”
– Jack and Seena Elfant z”l

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“...so that Jews can live a good life with opportunity in the United States and Israel.” – Saul A. Fenster z”l
Legacy of Generosity

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– JANE AND SUMNER BURROWS z”l

William z”l and Frances Green
Lorene and Samuel Greenblat z”l
Flora Greenhoot z”l
Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Gunsberg
Peter Haas, in memory of his parents Ernst and Helen Haas z”l
of Portland, OR

Susan Hamlin
Helen z”l and Arthur Hausman
Ida G. Hodes
Gerald Hoytt z”l
Barbara R. Jacobs
Phyllis and Alvin Janklow
Robert and Ellen Jasper
Raymond Kaliski z”l
Dorothy and Harry Kaliberg z”l
Joel Kamisher
Tom and Kendra Kasten
Isabel F. Kaufmann z”l
Rachel z”l and Wilfred Kay
in memory of Peisach and Sara Katz, and their children Sholom, Shimon, Sima, Lea, Rachel and Benjamin z”l
Emil Knopf
Vivian and Sidney Konigsberg z”l
Peter z”l and Carol Kornfeld
Stephanie and Morris z”l Krantz
Bernis and Larry Kretchmar
Linda and Frank Kurtz
Adele and Donald Langendorf
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Charlotte Newman z”l
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Helen and Milton Pearl z”l
Rose Perrn
Herbert and Frances Perkins z”l
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Frances Pivnick
Jan Cook Reicher
Joyce Baker Rifkind
Cary Lancel Ritter
Gloria and Milton Roberts z”l
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Ray H. Rosenman z”l
Gerald B. Rosenstein
Maureen and Paul Roskop
Luba R. Ross
Barbara and Julius Roth z”l
Susan and Alan Rothenberg
Lottie L. and David T. Rothschild z”l

“Remembrance of values established in my childhood are still with me many years later. Most important are giving, sharing and caring.”

– GRACE R. SHULMAN z”l

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Esther Rubin z”l
Ellen and Jerry Saliman
Wendy Croft Salinsky z”l
Ethal Salwen z”l
Dorothy and George z”l Saxe
Loren and Shelley Saxe
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Dorothy R. and Walter z”l Vogel
Myron and Jerrie Rubenstein Wacholder z”l
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Kathy Roberts Williams
Sheldon and Rhoda Wolfe
Margaret and Martin Zankel
David R. Zemansky z”l
Mark Zitter and Jessica Nutik Zitter
Alanna Zrimsek and Morton Levin

z”l – Zichrono Livracha, of blessed memory

“Our gift is an example for our grandchildren. We hope to instill in another generation a dedication to the Jewish community.”

– MYRON AND JERRIE RUBENSTEIN WACHOLDER z”l

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It’s a life that reads like fiction—some of it frightening, much of it fascinating, and all of it inspiring.

“As a young child, I remember my parents telling me how the brown shirts would pass by marching and singing songs against Jews,” Jack recounted. So, in 1939, the Klein family fled Nazi Germany, just weeks before the start of World War II. And the only place that would take them was Shanghai, China—along with approximately 24,000 other refugees from Austria and Germany.

That was just the first chapter of an amazing life journey that has taken Jack from Nazi Germany to the Far East, to Israel for 10 years at the time of its birth, through military service in the Israel Defense Forces during the Suez Campaign, before finally setting out for the United States. He ultimately found a way to thrive, becoming a successful entrepreneur in the field of real estate.

But his accomplishments in business—impressive though they are—are not what Jack cares most about. With his late spouse, Elisa, he established the Jack and Elisa Klein Foundation, a supporting foundation of the Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund, to serve as their vehicle for tzedakah, with a focus on helping the poor and needy, supporting Israel, and ensuring Jewish survival.

Today, Jack and his wife, Candee, have continued this important philanthropic work, supporting a number of organizations with transformative gifts: establishing the Jack and Candee Klein Comprehensive Breast Health Complex at the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem; endowing a Chair in Cancer Research at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology; supporting alternative energy research at the Weizmann Institute of Science; and, establishing the Jack and Candee Klein Spiritual Center at Peninsula Temple Sholom in Burlingame. In addition, the Kleins’ Centennial Campaign legacy commitment to the Federation is one of several planned bequests that will help sustain the Jewish future.

When asked what animates such giving, Jack’s response is as simple as it is poignant. “I know what I have, and what I need to give and do, and it’s for the Jewish people.”

Indeed, if ever a life served as an inspirational model for the Jewish people, it’s Jack’s. He fled for his freedom, and he fought for it. He created a new life and has provided for the next generation. And, he continues to use his ingenuity and unyielding spirit to keep on giving, as he likes to say, “with warm hands.”
The artistically crafted Wall of Honor will stand as an eternal tribute to the Centennial donors’ extraordinary generosity and will be the centerpiece of the Federation lobby, recognizing individuals and families whose gifts begin at $250,000. The individual Jerusalem stones in the sculptured wall will allow new donors to be added and celebrated each year through an annual ceremony. Centennial donors of all levels will be prominently recognized in various locations and ways.

**In Recognition of Centennial Donors**

Artistic rendering of the Wall of Honor

How to begin? As with any trip, first you need to pick your destination. Decide the gift purpose that will create the most meaningful legacy for you and your family. Would you like to ensure that your annual gifts live on in perpetuity? You can with a Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE) or a Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE). Would you prefer to establish or add to a special purpose fund in an area of particular importance to you? Or maybe a gift to the Federation’s endowment, our fund to meet the future needs of our community?

Choose your gift vehicle. The simplest and most common way to make a legacy gift is through a bequest. Another easy vehicle—with great tax advantages—is your retirement plan (401(k) or IRA). To benefit from additional income during your lifetime, consider a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust. Donor Advised Fund remainders, life insurance, and gifts of real estate or other appreciated property are other options that might provide significant tax savings.

The Federation is available to serve as a concierge. A confidential conversation about your philanthropic and estate planning goals will help prepare you to work efficiently with your professional advisors on the options that best meet your objectives. The Federation can also recommend legal and financial professionals with strong experience in the tax advantages of philanthropy within our Professional Advisors Network.

To assist you in your meaningful journey, contact Linda Solow Jaffe, Director of Gift Planning, at 415.512.6232 or at lindaj@sfjcf.org.